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1. Per reftel we delivered talking points to Karen Zadoyan, Director of International Relations, Civil Aviation department on June 21, 2004. Zadoyan said that he was confident that Armenia would support the United States for the ICAO Part I elections. He added that he had received requests from other countries to support them for various ICAO council elections, but was certain about Armenia's support for the U.S., adding, "There will be no surprises." Zadoyan will accompany the new Director of Civil Aviation, Artiom Movsisian, to the ICAO general Assembly in Montreal in September.

2. Mr. Zadoyan also added that the GOAM was pleased with a recent FAA-sponsored FSA-funded technical assistance project in Armenia. The project outlined changes in Armenia's civil aviation law, in the organizational structure of the civil aviation department, and in eleven key regulations. Zadoyan stated that these changes would bring the civil aviation regulations in compliance with ICAO standards and meet U.S. regulatory requirements in the event that Armenia were to begin direct flights to the United States.

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